



Lower Deschutes River Boater Pass Program

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has authorized the Prineville District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) through an interagency cooperative agreement, to administer the Lower Deschutes River Boater Pass Program.

Boater Pass Definition

Boater Passes are required on the Lower Deschutes River from Pelton Re-regulating Dam to the confluence of the Columbia River. Any individual using a watercraft or other device used as a means of transport on the river, are required to have in their possession a Boater Pass.

- * Boater passes are not transferable.
- * Boater Passes are sold by Vendors throughout Oregon, and daily passes may be purchased on the web at: www.boaterpass.com
- * Boater Passes are defined as either a Daily Pass or Annual Pass.

Types of Passes

* Daily Pass

A pass which may be purchased for an individual or group. The pass may be for one or more consecutive days and is required on all segments of the river. The pass color is orange.

* Annual Pass

Issued to an individual only. The pass resembles a lightweight credit card, and the color is orange.

Boater Fees

* Daily Pass Fee

The State portion of the fee is \$2 per person/per day, 7 days a week, all year long.

An additional user fee is required by the BLM. This fee applies to Saturdays and Sundays between Memorial Day/ and Labor Day weekend on all segments of the river. The fee is \$3 per person per weekend day in addition to the State \$2 fee.

* Annual Pass Fee

The Annual Pass Fee is \$35. This pass is valid every day of the year.

* Vendor Fee

Vendors who sell the pass are authorized to collect a handling fee up to \$2.00 per transaction. A \$5 vendor handling fee may also be collected for each duplicate pass transaction. Handling fees are in addition to the cost of the pass.

Other Types of Transactions

* Gift Passes

Gift passes are no longer available. If a person wants to purchase a gift, vendors may issue a gift certificate, money order or certified check to an individual.

* Duplicate Passes

A duplicate pass may be obtained by returning to the original vendor where the pass was purchased. Vendors are authorized to collect a \$5 handling fee per transaction.

* Special Passes

All special passes such as Occupational, Landowner, and Access Passes must be applied for through the Prineville BLM Office.



Other Information

* Motorized Boating

Motorboats and/or Jet Boats are allowed only on the river in certain areas on specific dates.

Segment 1 and 2 (Warm Springs to Buckhollow): Motorized boating is banned year round.

Segment 3 (Buckhollow to Macks Canyon): Motorized boating is allowed between Oct. 1- June 12.

Segment 4 (Macks Canyon to Heritage Landing): Motorized boating is allowed year round **EXCEPT** alternating Thursdays thru Sundays between June 15 and September 30. Closed days start Thursday June 13, 2002.

Refer to the Motorboat Schedule available at the BLM office or contact the Oregon State Marine Board, P.O. Box 14145, Salem, OR 97309-5065 (503) 378-8587.

* Fishing

It is illegal to fish from a boat or flotation device. For specific fishing laws, please contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at (503) 872-5268.

All pass holders are responsible for adhering to restrictions protecting steelhead spawning/rearing areas from March 15-July 15. Restrictions will be posted at key launch/access points.

* Maximum Group Size

Maximum group size is 16 in segments 1,3 & 4. The exception is Segment 2 (Nena- to Sherar's Falls) where group size limit is 24.

* Heritage Landing Use

The boater pass fee is \$1.00 per person per day for boaters who use Heritage Landing only as an access point to the Columbia River and do not go upriver. If you boat upriver, you must purchase the Deschutes River boater pass. The Heritage Landing Annual Pass Fee is \$15/per person.

* Camping

Drive-in camping is permitted only in designated campgrounds.

Private property and the Warm Springs Reservation are closed to public use. River islands are closed to camping.

Boat-in/Hike-in camping can occur anywhere on public lands between Warm Springs and The Locked Gate and below Macks Canyon. Between the Locked Gate and Macks Canyon, camping is allowed in designated campgrounds only. Between Sherar's Falls and Macks Canyon dispersed camping is allowed **only** on the West Bank.

* Boat Safety

Life jackets must be carried for each person on board. Persons under the age of 13 years old are required to wear life jackets while in a boat on the water. Boating under the influence (BUI) laws apply to all watercraft operations. For further information, contact Oregon State Police at (541) 388-6213.

* Human Waste

January 1 - May 31, 2002, use agency provided toilet facilities. All overnight boaters must carry and use an approved human waste pack out system when camped more than 800', or across the river from a developed toilet facility, or in sites where no developed toilet facility is provided. Plastic bag systems are not approved.

Beginning June 1, 2002, all overnight boaters must carry and use an approved RV dump station or SCAT machine-compatible human waste pack out system. Plastic bag systems are not approved. Waste system must be set-up and available for use as soon as practical upon arrival at campsite. All waste must be disposed of at an approved waste disposal site in an approved manner. For more information, visit www.or.blm.gov/Prineville.

For further information, please contact the Prineville District BLM Office at (541) 416-6700.